



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Lolo National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				

R1 - Northern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Bob Marshall Wilderness Outfitter and Guide Permit Reissuance CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/29/2014	Expected:04/2015	04/2015	Debbie Mucklow 406-758-6464 dmucklow@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissuance of existing outfitter and guide permits in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44827				
	Location: UNIT - Swan Lake Ranger District, Hungry Horse Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District, Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Seeley Lake Ranger District, Spotted Bear Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Flathead, Glacier, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Teton. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.				

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North Fork Blackfoot River Fish Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 06/02/2021 06/02/2021	08/2021	John Slown 406-329-3749 jslown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize pesticide use permit and use of normally prohibited activities in designated wilderness. Would allow fish treatment and stocking project by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks in Scapegoat Wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59396				
	Location: UNIT - Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lincoln Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Lewis and Clark, Powell. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area is entirely within the Scapegoat Wilderness area, approximately 15 miles east northeast of Ovando, Montana.				

Lolo National Forest Missoula Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)				R1 - Northern Region	
Missoula Parks and Recreation 2 Year Special Use Permit for Outfitting/Guiding Re-issuance CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/11/2015	Expected:05/2015	06/2015	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance of a 2 year Special Use Permit for Outfitting and Guiding to provide hiking, biking, and Nordic skiing services on the Missoula Ranger District.				
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blue mountain recreation area, Pattee canyon Recreation Area, Lolo Creek, and Montana Snowbowl.				
Sapphire Crest Trail CE	- Recreation management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Al Hilshey 406-329-3970 ahilshey@fs.fed.us
	Description: Trail construction and reconstruction to connect existing trail segments, creating a 100-mile long non-motorized trail across the Lolo, Bitterroot, and Beaverhead National Forests on the Sapphire Divide.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32247				
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - T12N, R19W, Sections 12,13; T12N, R18W, Sections 18, 19, 20,21,27,28 and 24; T11N, R18W, Sections 3,10,15,22,27,26 and 36 and T10N, R18 W, Section 2. Sapphire Divide.				

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Upper Lolo Large Wood Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/23/2021	Expected:09/2021	09/2021	Dustin Walters 559-246-7012 dwalters@fs.fed.us
	Description: Install lg. woody structures by hand falling trees on about 13 mi. of stream and on about 6 mi. using excavators. Would result in installing 200-250 structures across 4 targeted streams each containing 2-20 pieces of wood from local trees.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60556				
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approx. 5 mi. west of Lolo, MT in the West Fork Lolo Creek, Upper Lolo Creek, East Fork Lolo Creek, and Granite Creek watersheds on National Forest System lands.				
Wildfire Adapted Missoula EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 05/04/2021	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Michael Albritton (406) 329-3750 Michael.Albritton@usda.gov
	Description: WAM is a risk-based strategic fuels management project. It proposes mechanized and non-mechanized fuel and vegetation treatments to reduce wildfire hazard and associated risk in strategic locations.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58943				
	Location: UNIT - Missoula Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project surrounds the communities of Missoula, Lolo, East Missoula, Bonner, Clinton, and Turah (approx. 158,725 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands).				

Lolo National Forest Ninemile Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
Cavaliere Access Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/25/2021	08/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Forest Service proposes to issue a 5-year special use permit to landowner to use/maintain approx. 2800 ft. of existing NFS roads to access the northern portion of their private property located in the West Fork Petty Creek drainage				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60288				
	Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Missoula. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The access request is located in Section 26, Township 14 N., Range 23 W. The authorized access would be from the existing FS gate on NFSR 5557 to the jct. with NFSR 44663, then along NFSR 44663.				

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Sawmill-Petty Project EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 12/29/2020	Expected:03/2021	07/2021	Tami Paulsen 406-329-3731 tpaulsen@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed treatments to accomplish the project objectives include tree thinning and slashing, prescribed fire, weed treatments, and road treatments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57030				
	Location: UNIT - Ninemile Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral, Missoula. LEGAL - SE 1/4 , NE 1/4, S 34, T14N, R 23W, MT Meridian. South of I-90 and Alberton and Huson, MT in Sawmill, Reservoir, Petty, Peppard, Tank, and Corral Creek drainages.				

Lolo National Forest Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R1 - Northern Region
A-BLT Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/08/2021	Expected:11/2021	07/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposal includes vegetation, road, and watershed management activities to address multiple resource objectives.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57645				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Sections 14-16, 19-23, 26-30, and 34-35, T21N, R31W, P.M.M. Project is located about 10 miles west of Thompson Falls in the Antimony, Cox, Everson, Buster Brown, Lucky Boy, and Therriault drainages, which are tributary to Prospect Creek.				

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Deemer-Henry EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 09/09/2021	Expected:12/2021	07/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 patricia.partyka@usda.gov
	Description: Project includes vegetation and road management activities to reduce forest fuels, improve forest health, support communities, and address road travel management conflict. Project also includes forest plan amendment to correct mapping error.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59556				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located about 4 miles east of Plains, Montana in the Deemer and Henry Creek drainages.				
Fisher Access Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/24/2021	09/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 robin.jermyn@usda.gov
	Description: Issuance of a 20-year special use permit to a landowner authorizing the construction, use, and maintenance of a 30-foot long road across NFS land to connect two of his separate privately owned parcels (corner hop across NFS land).				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - SE 1/4 of Section 22 and NW 1/4 of Section 26, T19N, R25W, P.M.M. McLaughlin Creek drainage outside Paradise, Montana.				
Wilkes Cherry EA	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2021	Expected:08/2022	07/2024	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is developing an integrated project to address multiple resource needs such as forest health, fuels reduction, recreation, wildlife and aquatic habitat, and watershed condition within a 63,000-acres area south of Thompson Falls.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59163				
	Location: UNIT - Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Sanders. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dry, Cherry, Wilkes, and Daisy Creek drainages south of Thompson Falls, Montana.				

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Durant Access Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/21/2021	10/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: 20-year Special Use Permit for use and maintenance of approximately 0.22 miles of Road 16950 across NFS land to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 9, T17N, R26W, P.M.M. Pardee Creek near Superior, MT.				
Idaho Forest Group Deer Creek Access Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use permit request from Idaho Forest Group (IFG) to construct, use, and maintain approximately 0.6 miles of new permanent road across National Forest System land to access their isolated 40-acre parcel in Section 31, T19N, R29W, P.M.M.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 1, T18N, R29W, P.M.M. Deer Creek drainage, approximately 1.5 miles south of DeBorgia.				
Managhan Access Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: 20-year Special use Permit to use and maintain approximately 3 miles of National Forest System Road 3802 and to construct 1800 feet of new road across NFS land to access private property.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Sections 1 & 2, T18N, R29W; Section 6 T18N, R28W, Section 35, T19N, R29W, P.M.M. Boyd Mountain area near St. Regis, MT.				
Paulsen Access Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/05/2020	Expected:10/2021	10/2021	Robin Jermyn 406-826-4305 rjermyn@fs.fed.us
	Description: 20-year Special Use Permit to construct, use and maintain approximately 0.35 miles of new ATV trail and reconstruct an additional 0.4 miles of existing non-system trail across NFS lands to access private land.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Section 19, T15N, R26W; and Section 24, T15N, R27 W, P.M.M. Trout Creek near Superior, MT.				

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Redd Bull EA *UPDATED*	- Land management planning - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 02/01/2021	Expected:12/2021	09/2022	Patricia Partyka 406-826-4314 ppartyka@fs.fed.us
	Description: Integrated restoration project that includes vegetation, road, and recreation management activities to address multiple resource objectives. Project also includes forest plan amendment to change the management area allocation on approx. 198 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56574				
Savenac Pond Improvements CE *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - T17 and 18N, R28 and 29W, P.M.M. South of St. Regis between Interstate 90 and the Montana/Idaho border within the Dry, Cold, Little Joe, Twomile, and Ward Creek drainages.				
	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Completed	Actual: 08/17/2021	09/2021	Joshua Schulze joshua.schulze@usda.gov
	Description: The pond at the historic Savenac Tree Nursery would be dredged near shoreline areas and several woody habitat structures would be installed to improve fish habitat and recreational fishing opportunities.				
Storm Peak Trail Reroute CE *UPDATED*	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Historic Savenac Tree Nursery in Haugan, Montana.				
	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 08/09/2021	07/2022	Heather Berman 406 -210-5287 heather.berman@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of approximately 0.5 miles of motorized trail to reroute the existing trail segment away from private land and connect it to the recently developed trailhead.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 0.5 miles south of Haugan.				

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Thompson Creek Trail Reroute CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/08/2021	Expected:12/2021	07/2022	Heather Berman 406-210-5287 Heather.Berman@usda.gov
	Description: Construction of approximately 2.2 miles of new non-motorized trail to reroute the existing trail away from private land, as well as move the trail out of a seasonally flooded area.				
	Location: UNIT - Superior Ranger District. STATE - Montana. COUNTY - Mineral. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 3 air miles southwest of Superior.				

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